

Open Branch 3 Allegation Status Summary

FOIA - Act, exemptions 2004-314

Alleg. No.	Site	Description	Status/Actions
2004-0026	HC	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. New procedure for initiating Notifications is restrictive in that it requires notification of management before an issue can be submitted to the corrective action program. This is discouraging people to initiate concerns. NRC will likely see a significant drop in the initiation of Notifications in the near future. Allegor indicated that some have specifically been told not to write notifications or that they shouldn't have written a Notification because it could cause trouble for a co-worker. 2. Contractors are not being interviewed as part of the NRC review of safety culture at site or of recent PSEG internal review (IAT) of safety culture. Consider interviewing contractors [REDACTED] NRC Note: These are PSEG employees and not contractors). 3. Safety culture is bad. Employees (especially older employees) are afraid to raise issues for fear of reprisal. Many experienced people are being fired (example [REDACTED]). 4. Training has fallen off for new people. Corners are being cut to save money for upcoming outages. Site specific training is being shortened. Security background checks are being done, but qualification credentials are not being checked. 5. NRC should talk to the "estuary folks" regarding tritium wells, as well as a seismic gap between the auxiliary building that is being filled with water and the possibility of tritium in the water. Related work was curtailed for a month within the last two months. (3/6/04) 	<p>Initial ARB on 4/1/04. Enclosure 1 for referral letter forwarded to SAC on 4/17/04 for items 1 and 4. Ron Nimitz to provide an update for item 5.</p>
2004-0029	S/HC	<p>UCS made a work environment allegation: 1) PSEG violated 50.9 because they did not include the results of a Synergy survey in response to NRC's January 28, 2004 letter, 2) PSEG made overly positive statements about 3) PSEG safety culture is worse than Davis-Besse and elsewhere, 4) PSEG safety culture is inadequate by industry standards (3/9/04)</p>	<p>Initial ARB on 3/11. Ack letter with closure of concerns 1 and 2 in concurrence on 4/7. Concerns 3 & 4 will be reviewed as part of NRC's ongoing review.</p>

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2004-0036	Salem	<p>1) Overpressurizing and damaging of the Salem steam generator blowdown process radiation monitors (R19's). Is due to tagging process inadequacies and not system procedure problems.</p> <p>2) On February 27, 2004, control room operators incorrectly entered an ODCM action statement for an inoperable plant vent process radiation monitor, 1R41. The action statement for an inoperable vent stack flow rate monitor should have been entered. The allegor was approached by his/her supervisor to revise all I&C radiation monitor work procedures to include specific technical specification and ODCM action statement references. The allegor disagreed with the supervisor's assertion that the changes would be editorial and nature and indicated that PSEG does not have the resources to implement the corrective actions or procedure revisions in a timely manner. The allegor also mentioned that the supervisor asked another procedure writer that he perform a station qualified review for a particular procedure/equipment issue that he/she was not qualified to perform. The allegor intended to take his concerns on this issue to ECP.</p> <p>3) The allegor stated that he had less fear of retaliation compared to his coworkers because he is [REDACTED]. The allegor has been maintaining a PC notebook for the last several years in defense of potential harassment and intimidation issues. The allegor did NOT allege any current H&I. The allegor referenced a potential H&I issue from several months ago and stated that it was satisfactorily resolved through ECP. The allegor referenced a H&I issue from 1994 in that he was excluded from becoming a qualified I&C technician because of his own high maintenance standards which would interfere with production. The allegor was then assigned to the [REDACTED]. He did not pursue the H&I at the time. The allegor spoke highly of his involvement with ECP but believed that Tom Lake, the ECP manager is overwhelmed. (3/23/04)</p>	<p>First ARB conducted on April 1, 2004. ARB suggested referring concerns 1 & 2 to PSEG since allegor did not object. Concern 3 relates to H&I. However, the allegor is not making a formal complaint at this time. His/her DOL rights will be included with Ack. Ltr. The Ack letter was in concurrence on 4/7/04.</p> <p align="center">7C</p>